

Environmental Consultation Requests—Tennessee Geological Survey, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Tennessee Geological Survey (TGS) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to inquiries related to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, radon, sinkholes, and subsidence, in addition to geologic evaluations of private property or public projects. For maps and publications and program information, visit our website at: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/section/geo-geology>.

There are many projects that seek TDEC-TGS's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to **environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information** for projects in the *scoping phase* for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).¹

What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-TGS? The majority of environmental consultation requests from TGS are related to geologic hazard investigations. Sometimes these can be handled over the phone or through an e-mail request. Others may require an onsite investigation. Environmental evaluations can include geologic investigations of developed or undeveloped property acquisitions, either private or public, facility construction, road construction, or utility improvements or expansion. These can involve individual landowners, development districts across the state, or other government or private entities.

Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to Ron Zurawski in TDEC-TGS at Ronald.Zurawski@tn.gov. **Written, electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.**²

What should I include in my request to TDEC-TGS? When submitting a request for environmental consultation to TGS, the following information is helpful:

- Brief description of geologic hazard or project.
- Property address.
- Photographs, if available.
- Whether or not the request is urgent.

When should I expect to hear from TDEC-TGS? For situations that do not involve imminent danger to lives or property, TGS staff will try to respond within two working days, or within two working days after returning to the office from an absence. Urgent requests will be handled as quickly as possible.

What should I expect to receive from TDEC-TGS? TGS staff will initially respond to geologic hazards requests by telephone or e-mail. A site visit will be conducted when necessary, and may conclude with verbal or written remediation instructions, along with a written report and/or photographs when appropriate. Environmental impact/geologic hazard evaluations of proposed infrastructure or other projects will usually be followed up with written comments.

Who should I contact for more information?

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, TGS staff is located at the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office. TGS contact information is listed below.

¹ If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov.

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